

BUTTE NEWS.

SHE DRANK POISON

Kittie Edmunds Swallowed Carbolic Acid in Spokane.

DIED ALMOST INSTANTLY

Well Known to Many Montana Variety Theater People - The Affair is something of a Mystery.

From the Spokesman-Review.

Kittie Edmunds, sister of Mrs. Helene Gorkow, drank the contents of a two-ounce bottle of carbolic acid last night and died half an hour later. The deed was committed in her room, 29 and 21 Eagle block.

Something of a mystery is connected with her act. At first it was reported that she had taken the acid accidentally, mistaking it for a tonic which she had been in the habit of taking. This idea seems hardly to be borne out by the facts. There are discrepancies in the various stories told and an evident desire exists on the part of the people to know the facts to keep them from the public.

Kittie Edmunds has been a well-known figure in Spokane for the past three years. She came here as a variety actress, but has been out of that business for many months. She has been living quietly in the Eagle block. It is known that she has at times been addicted to drink. The prominence of her sister, Mrs. Gorkow, brought about by the sensational developments in the now celebrated Gorkow will case, has also given her some prominence. She was a young woman, not more than 25 years, her home is in Oakland or Benicia, Cal. She has a younger sister who is living there. Her true name is Kittie McKinnon, and her father is a policeman in San Francisco.

Dr. Dutton, county coroner, has an office in the Fernwell block, opposite the Eagle block. He was the physician first called. He said last night that during the evening, about 11 o'clock he thought, although it might have been earlier, a messenger boy came to his office and said that Kittie Edmunds was sick in her room and wanted him to come over immediately. "She has often called me to attend her when she was ill," said the doctor last night, "and I went over thinking nothing unusual was the matter. I found her alone in the room, lying on the floor. Her lips were covered with carbolic acid and the empty bottle lay beside her. She was beyond help and died in a short time. In a few moments, and before she died, Dr. Russell joined me. I examined the room and could find no letter or anything to indicate that the act was premeditated or that it was suicide. No inquest will be necessary. She was attired in her street clothes. The skirt was wet, and she had evidently just come in from a walk."

The doctor at first said he thought the woman had taken the dose accidentally. On the bureau in front of her was her bottle of tonic, a four-ounce bottle, while the carbolic acid bottle was only two ounces in capacity. Both bottles were from Krum & Bruley's drug store. The doctor said the case might be suicide. Later information showed that the messenger boy that had summoned the doctor was called about 9:30 o'clock. When informed of this Dr. Dutton said that he might have been mistaken in the time, and instead of being about 11 o'clock when he was called it might have been 10 o'clock.

When a Spokesman-Review reporter called at the room where the body lay awaiting the coming of the undertaker, he found Mrs. M. Malcolm, the landlady, and Mrs. L. Parker of the north side, in charge. They refused to admit him to the room. There seemed to be several people in the apartments. Both women professed utter and profound ignorance of the manner in which the woman met her death and as to who first discovered her. Mrs. Malcolm said that Mrs. Parker told her and Mrs. Parker said that when she arrived she found Dr. Dutton in the room and he told her she had come to call. Neither woman would admit knowing when Miss Edmunds took the acid, but Mrs. Malcolm said she thought it was about 8 o'clock, but then corrected herself and said she knew nothing about the matter at all.

At the office of the messenger company the night clerk in charge was asked as to how the messenger boy that had summoned Dr. Dutton was called. He said: "Kittie Edmunds came to the door about 9:30 o'clock and said that she was sick and wanted a boy to go for the doctor. He boy went out and she went back to her room, I suppose." The office of the messenger company joins the Eagle block on Stevens street. In view of the other statements regarding the summoning of the doctor this statement seemed peculiar. The clerk was positive as to the truth of his statement. The messenger could not be seen as the clerk said he was off duty and had gone home. The clerk said the boy had reported none of the facts to him and he knew nothing about the matter.

It was learned that the first information received by the undertaker came at 11:30 o'clock in the form of a telephone message from Attorney Nuzum at Krum & Bruley's drug store, notifying them of the death and instructing them to send up for the body. Later Mr. Nuzum sent word over not to move the body until Mrs. Gorkow arrived. This order was later countermanded, as Mrs. Gorkow, on being informed of the tragedy, became hysterical and had to be attended by Dr. Smith.

Early in the evening, it appears, Miss Edmunds was at the brewery and appeared in good health and spirits. She drank several glasses of beer there. It is said that she has been drinking for several days past.

At an early hour this morning it was learned that the messenger boy, Mullen, when summoned by Miss Edmunds, was sent by her to Krum & Bruley's store and there purchased the carbolic acid for her. It is surmised that she took it immediately on his giving it to her, and that he went for the doctor when he discovered what she had done. It was impossible to find out whether or not there was any one with her when she drank the acid. There were rumors about last night that a man was in the room at the time, or had been there shortly before.

Kittie Edmunds came to Spokane some three years ago with her sister Helene, now Mrs. Gorkow, and as the skit team of Edmunds Sisters they played their first engagement at the old Louvre theater. They made quite a hit with the patrons of that house, and when the People's opened engaged there, where they worked as a team until Helene was married. After this Kittie played alone for a time, and was also for awhile a partner with Helen Addis, a sister of Lady Sholto Douglas, under the name of Edmunds and Addis, and played both in Spokane and some of the Montana towns. Kittie Edmunds was always popular and had a great many friends among the variety people, as she was said to be an open-hearted and good-natured girl, ever ready to help a friend in need.

Kittie Edmunds was a good-looking girl, by some called handsome, though

that would not be the natural comment. She was rather tall and slender, with a well-molded face and black hair. Of late she has been seen on the streets quite often with Mrs. Gorkow. In fact, has been almost a constant companion of her sister. The news of her death caused general expressions of sorrow among the variety people this morning.

HEALTH FAILURE.

The Cause of Mrs. Lowney's Rather Sudden Death.

The rather sensational features surrounding the death of Mrs. Edward L. Lowney, who was found dead in bed on Monday morning, were all cleared away at the inquest which was held yesterday afternoon. Mary Sullivan, the dead woman's sister, who had at first insisted that it was a case of suicide and hinted at some dark secret which would be brought out at the investigation, contradicted everything she had previously said about the case. She was positive that her sister had not committed suicide and admitted that she was under the influence of liquor when she talked with the coroner on Monday afternoon.

It was shown that Mrs. Lowney was quite a hard drinker and that she had suffered from heart trouble for several years. Her husband testified that she drank to excess only when her heart hurt her. A verdict of death from some unknown heart trouble was returned.

SUIT TO FORECLOSE.

J. T. Carroll Brings Action Against the Butte Hotel Annex.

J. T. Carroll yesterday brought suit in the district court against Contractor H. Godin, Mattie F. Curtis, P. A. Largey and James L. Hamilton for \$486.39 and to foreclose a lien on the Butte hotel annex. The amount sued for is a balance alleged to be due for building material furnished the contractor between June 26 and Dec. 15, 1895. An attorney's fee of \$100 is also demanded.

Order of Pendo Officers.

At the regular meeting of Alpha council, No. 49, Order of Pendo, held in Good Templars hall last evening, the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing term: Past counselor, T. G. Heine; counselor, J. T. Andrus; vice counselor, Mrs. Ora M. Miles; secretary, J. A. McMillan; treasurer, L. T. Prescott; guide, P. A. Magee; chaplain, Mrs. Emma C. Simel; warden, Joseph C. Singer; sentinel, J. H. Jackson; medical examiner, Dr. Tom B. Moore; trustees, F. K. Gordon, T. G. Heine and J. T. Andrus.

Everybody Knows John.

Few there are who have not heard of the comedian John Dillon, who appears at the opera house Thursday night. Many who are prejudiced against the stage overlook their scruples to see him. Mr. Dillon at no time descends to low comedy and this, in part, accounts for his great popularity. A polished, scholarly gentleman, he has always adopted the cleanest and best methods in stage work. Never in his entire career has he appeared in a play with a questionable motive or uttered a suggestive line.

Notice.

All members of Butte Lodge, No. 22, A. F. & A. M., members of Masonic lodges in the concurrent jurisdiction and also sejourning Masons are requested to meet at Masonic temple at 1 o'clock p. m. sharp Thursday, Dec. 31, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our deceased brother, William Carpenter, late member of Hildesheim lodge No. 254 of California. Per order of the W. M.

HORSE NOTES.

A. H. Moore's famous Red Wilkes is 24 years old.

Ed Gears is visiting his old home at Columbia, Tenn.

Senator A. J. B. was behind the money but once this season.

Rival 63 by Kremlin, 2:07½, recently stepped a mile in 2:17.

Planet won seven firsts and over \$18,000 for George Starr this season.

Robert J. paced a mile over Fleetwood course in 2:07½ on election day.

John Kelley has decided to try his hand at training Red Bud, 2:14½, next season.

Monroe Salisbury's famous stock farm at Pleasanton, Cal., has been priced at \$22,500.

Satin Slippers and Pat Downing jointly hold the fastest trotting record in hobbies: 2:13.

John E. Turner's Crispy (3), by Billini, 2:13½, showed a half over the Ambler course in 1:09.

Trainer A. Thomas signed a contract to train at the Belle Meade farm, N. J., for the season of '97.

H. Moore's head trainer, Foster, worked Balona, 2:11, a mile over the Cloverleaf course in 2:14 flat.

Silkwood, 2:07, is the sire of Billy Baker, who took a record of 2:15½ in the fifth heat of a race for roadsters.

At the recent meeting of the members of the Point Breeze Driving club each of the 45 subscribers signed their checks for \$17.62.

The race mare Rose Turner, 2:13½, is owned by Harry Darlington of Allegheny, Pa., who will drive her on the road this winter.

Charles Nolan's brood mare, Lilly Dale, 2:25½, the dam of Daighetty, 2:14, and Clonachie, 2:15, has proved with foal by Uncle Josh, 2:20½.

A. H. Moore's valuable old brood mare Mattie B., by Brown Dick, and dam of Red Bud, 2:16, is with foal at the Cloverleaf farm by Director, 2:17.

QUIPS OF THE DAY.

"If Eve hadn't tempted Adam with that apple, what would the modern tailors, milliners and dressmakers be doing for a living now!—Somerville Journal.

"When I get into my new house I mean that everything shall go like clockwork." "I see; the same as heretofore, tick, tick."—Boston Transcript.

The Missouri man who won 1,000 kisses on the election is no doubt more firmly convinced than ever that McKinley was the advance agent of good times.—Chicago Dispatch.

"I'm putting up a prescription for your wife's milliner," said the drug clerk to his employer. "What shall I charge her?" "What is the usual price for what she is getting?" "Fifty cents." "Charge her \$2.75."—Texas Siftings.

"Did you know," said the man who was reading an article about the contraction of metals, "that a clock ticks faster in winter than summer?" "No, I never noticed that about a clock. But I know a gas meter does."—Washington Star.

"It's too bad," said Golang, "that it should have rained the first time you wore your new dress and spoiled it." "I don't mind spoiling the dress so much," said Mrs. Golang, "but the rain kept all the other women at home and not one of them saw my dress."—New York Truth.

"I don't think that Penner is a sincere writer," remarked one young man. "You think he doesn't mean what he says?" "Yes." "Well, I know better than that. I saw something that he wrote the other day, and I'm sure he meant every word of it. It was a request for a loan of \$5."—Washington Star.

GOING TO THE FALLS.

Butte Educators Will Attend the State Teachers' Institute.

SOME FROM OTHER CITIES

A Section of Law Quoted That Provides for Holiday Salaries for Teachers—The "Stumping" Practice in Vogue.

Forty-five teachers in the Butte public schools, including Superintendent Kern and most of the principals, left yesterday morning for Great Falls to attend the state teachers' association. They were joined by 19 or 25 from Anaconda and Dillon. About half the Butte corps remained at home but some of them will attend the institute later in the week.

In connection with the threat of the school trustees to deduct the full week from the salaries of those teachers who do not go to Great Falls, the trustees may find some enlightenment in the following from the school law, found in section 1843 of the political code:

"In every contract between any teacher and board of trustees a school month shall be construed as 29 school days, or four weeks of five days each, and no teacher shall be required to teach school on Christmas day, the first day of January, the fourth day of July, the 22d day of February, the 30th day of May, the first Monday in September, election day in November and the day appointed by the president of the United States or the governor of this state as a day of thanksgiving. And no deduction from the teacher's time or wages shall be made by reason of the fact that a school day happens to be one of the days referred to in this section. And any contract made in violation of this section shall have no force or effect as against the teacher."

It is plain from the above that the teachers can not be "doctored" for more than four days and that they are entitled to pay for New Year's day. A dozen or more teachers have been on the rack before the teachers' committee of the board of trustees during the past week and there were several suspensions for alleged incompetency or for not having local certificates. Among those who did not have proper certificates are some of the best and most successful teachers in the schools, but because they were unable to answer a few questions submitted for the purpose of "stumping" them they were refused certificates. Most of these, however, are teaching on special permits granted by the state superintendent and they will have another opportunity to undergo an examination in February.

A TILL TAPPED.

The Thief Hid Till Closing Time and Then Did the Job.

It was discovered yesterday morning that the cash register in Charles Williams' saloon had been tapped for \$25. The thief secreted himself in the cellar until after the saloon was closed and then took the cash register downstairs and transferred its contents to his pockets. He made a hurried exit through the transom over the front door after everything had quieted down and there were few people on the streets.

HABITUAL THIEVES.

Lyons and Gallagher Trying to Break Into the Penitentiary.

Tim Lyons and Joe Gallagher were arrested yesterday for stealing a horse blanket from an East Park street store, and as they are both old offenders, they will be prosecuted under the habitual criminal act and sent to the penitentiary if possible. Lyons was released from the county jail only a few days ago after serving out a sentence for stealing an overcoat. Gallagher has spent most of his time in jail recently for stealing clothes out of a laundry wagon, robes out of a sleigh and fish from a market.

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